



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Clai Brown, City Manager

DATE: May 30, 2014

SUBJECT: **WEEKLY REPORT**

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

- The City received two applications for Conditional Use Permits. One for a Craft Distillery (121 Center St.) and one for Indoor Entertainment (Performing Arts Venue-106 N. Avondale Road). Staff reviewed the applications and drafted the legal ads. These applications will appear before the BOMC at the June 18th Work Session and the June 23rd Regular Meeting.
- A Lifelong Communities/Senior Resource guide is being finalized and will be available online and in hard-copy form at City Hall. This includes a Senior Homeowner's Guide, Home Fall Prevention Checklist and information regarding the Atlanta Area Agency on Aging which has substantial resources. It will also feature upcoming events.
- The City received a grant to stabilize Carl's Corner, the entry monument at the intersection of East College Ave. and South Avondale Road, from the Historic Preservation Division (HPD). The contract has been executed with HPD and the City is poised to move forward. A schedule is being established. A meeting will take place with HPD staff and the Contractor prior to work beginning.
- Wild Heaven Breweries is ready to finalize the loan documents with Georgia Department of Community Affairs on their revolving loan funds. City staff is facilitating the transaction.
- The Downtown Development Authority scheduled a meet and greet with a reporter from the Atlanta Business Chronicle to discuss all the new businesses and opportunities in the City. A bus tour of the commercial and residential district was held.

- A meeting was held with representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in regards to converting the railroad crossing at Laredo Drive and Wells Street into a Quiet Zone. A quiet zone is a section of a rail line at least one-half mile in length that contains one or more consecutive public highway-rail grade crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded when trains are approaching the crossings. The prohibited use of train horns at quiet zones only applies to trains when approaching and entering crossings and does not include train horn use within passenger stations or rail yards. Train horns may be sounded in emergency situations or to comply with other railroad or FRA rules even within a quiet zone.
- A meeting was held with DeKalb Medical staff to review the aggregated data for the upcoming health initiative.
- Georgia Power gave a demonstration on their new Wiring Approval Portal. This new process will aid in faster service for wiring approvals and inspections for Georgia Power.
- The Finance Director attended the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) annual training conference. The conference presents general sessions that feature recognized leaders in the government finance profession and offers concurrent sessions that address topical issues in government finance. The conference attracts attendees who strive to improve current practices and who see innovation as the key to high performance government. They bring a willingness to share ideas and experiences as well as a readiness to network to take home the best ideas from their peer finance officers.
- City officials, business owners and community members gathered at Wild Heaven Craft Beers for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Wild Heaven is located at 135B Maple Street in historic Avondale Estates and boasts an 8,000-square-foot facility with a 30-barrel brewing system. The brewery is a Georgia company created by lifelong Georgians Nick Purdy and Eric Johnson. Wild Heaven aims to be one of America's great breweries and to help raise the profile of beer in the South. For more information, please visit <http://wildheavencraftbeers.com/>.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Officer Beatty started his employment with the AEPD. Currently, the officer is working on achieving his certification as a Full Terminal Operator on the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) computerized crime database. All AEPD patrol officers are required to achieve the certification enabling them to enter and remove critical and sensitive database information. Once Officer Beatty achieves his GCIC certification he will begin his Field Training on the street with different Field Training Officers (FTOs).

- The SpeedSentry device was placed into service on Clarendon Avenue (at Devon Lane) to monitor northbound traffic for the period of 05-01-14 to 05-28-14. During the period of the study it revealed that 97.9% of the traffic was traveling within acceptable limits.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Cut overgrown vegetation on Kingston Road.
- Removed the U.S. flags that were placed for Memorial Day.
- Performed weed maintenance in various flower beds throughout the City.
- Inspected several trees on Chatsworth Drive and Dartmouth Avenue.
- Met with contractor to obtain a quote for adding crosswalks on Dartmouth Avenue in front of Willis Park.
- Installed new slide at Fletcher Park.
- Grass Violations-8
- Site Visits-13
- Sign Violations-17
- Household Waste Removed-26 tons
- Yard Waste Removed-8 tons
- Special Pick-ups-6